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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Barns Dwight

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

Nielsen Holdings plc [NLSN] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

C/O NIELSEN HOLDINGS PLC, 85 10/20/2016

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(First)

Chief Executive Officer

BROAD STREET

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

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D

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

NEW YORK, NY 10004

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect (I) Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

Code V 10/20/2016 A

Amount 27,752 A \$0 230,424.17 (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount o Number o Shares
Options to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.05	10/20/2016		A	191,571	<u>(2)</u>	10/20/2023	Common Stock	191,571

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Barns Dwight C/O NIELSEN HOLDINGS PLC 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004

Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

/s/ Harris Black, Authorized Signatory

10/24/2016

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents restricted stock units of the Issuer, which ratably vest in annual installments over 4 years beginning one year after the grant date (October 20, 2016).
- (2) Represents options to purchase shares of common stock of the Issuer, which ratably vest in annual installments over 4 years beginning one year after the grant date (October 20, 2016)

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